of expenditure at the beginning of the year. The arrears could not have accumulated all on a sudden. Absolutely nothing had been pointed out when the budget was discussed in this House last time that the arrears were mounting up. At no previous stage has it been said that there would be any necessity for this grant.

It is said that certain probationers have been sent out of this country for special training. There is, however, no reason why we should be called upon to incur this additional expenditure at this time of the year. I therefore oppose the grant.

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER: I shall explain. I have told the House that there was no possibility of foreseeing the expenditure because the Budget was framed in Edavom and most of the cases were disposed of towards the end of the year, and the arrears accumulated only after the year ended.

Secondly, with regard to the training, it was very difficult for us to foresee when the Government of India were going to start a class for giving training to officers.

PRESIDENT: I should like to say a few words on this point. The Government of India, when they started the training scheme, allotted only a very few seats to Indian States. Income-tax has become a very specialized business and it was necessary for this Government to depute some of our men for the training when the Government of India were furnishing the training.

The question that a sum of Rs. 19,037 under Demand XI—Taxes on Income, be granted was put and carried.

The demand was passed and the grant was made.

DEMAND XIII—FOREST—Rs. 12,500.

RAO BAHADUR T. V. VENKATESWARA AIYAR (*Conservator of Forests*): Sir, I move for a grant of Rs. 12,500 under Demand XIII—Forest.

The amount is required to meet the expenditure for a new forest division for the exploitation of timber, firewood and bamboos that would otherwise get submerged under the water-spread of the Perunchani Reservoir. The total quantity of timber that is expected to be available for the area is 12 lakhs c. ft. and one lakh of tons of firewood in addition to bamboos. The water in the lake is expected to go up and cover the water-spread area at the end of three years. And therefore it is necessary to organize the proper working of this timber, firewood and bamboos within that short time. It was, therefore, found necessary in the interests of the preservation of revenue and prevention of leakage to organize a special division for the purpose and this expenditure is required to meet the demand in connection with the formation of this division. I move that the House may be pleased to vote for this grant.

MR. R. MADHAVAN NAIR (*Karunagapalli cum Karthikapalli*): സർ, ഞാൻ ഈ ഡിമാന്റിനെ എതിർക്കുന്നു. പെരുഞ്ചാണി സ്കീം സംബന്ധിച്ചുള്ള എസ്റ്റിമേറ്റിൽ തുക കൊള്ളിച്ചു അവസാനത്തിൽതന്നെ അവിടെ തടിയുണ്ടെന്നും നിൽക്കുന്ന തടികൾ വെട്ടി മാറ്റണമെന്നുമാണെന്നും

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[Mr. R. Madhavan Nair.]

അറിയാവുന്ന കാര്യമാണ്. അതുകൊണ്ടു ബഡ്ജറിൽതന്നെ ഈ ആവശ്യത്തിലേക്കു തുക കൊള്ളിക്കാമായിരുന്നു. അതിനുംപുറമേ റിസർവ്വിൽനിന്നും ഫർലക്ഷം കൂബിക്കടി തടി വെട്ടി വിൽക്കുന്നതിനും വേറെ വിറ്റു മുതൽ കൂട്ടുന്നതിനുമായി ഒരു പ്രത്യേക ഡിവിഷന്റെ ആവശ്യം ഇല്ലെന്നാണ് എന്റെ അഭിപ്രായം. അതിനു ഒരു പ്രത്യേക റെയിഞ്ചാഫീസർ ആവശ്യമില്ല. തടികൾ വെട്ടിയെടുക്കുന്നതിനു കോൺട്രാക്ടർമെൻറിൽനിന്നു കൺട്രാക്ടു കൊടുത്തിരിക്കുന്നതിനാൽ, അതു സമയത്തു വെട്ടി മാറ്റേണ്ട ചുമതല കൺട്രാക്ടറുടേതാണ്. ആ കൺട്രാക്ടർ അതു ചെയ്യുന്നില്ലെങ്കിൽ അതിൽവച്ചുണ്ടാകുന്ന നഷ്ടം അയാളിൽനിന്നും ഈടാക്കാവുന്നതുമാണ്. ഇങ്ങനെ ഈ ജോലി കൺട്രാക്ടു കൊടുത്തു ചെയ്യിക്കേണ്ടതിനു പകരം ഒരു പ്രത്യേക ഡിവിഷൻ ഉണ്ടാക്കി അനാവശ്യമായി പണം ചെലവാക്കേണ്ട ആവശ്യമില്ലെന്നാണ് എനിക്കു പറയുവാനുള്ളതു്.

MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI: I entirely agree with what Mr. Madhavan Nair has placed before the House. As he pointed out, I can find no reason why a separate Division by itself should be started, with a separate Divisional Officer and staff. This work could very well be supervised by a Ranger and no reason has been given why that cannot be done. It is only in the fitness of things that the Conservator should have given us greater details as regards the various items that will have to be incurred in connection with the creation of a new Division. We are naturally in the dark as to why there should be a separate division for this purpose, and why Rs. 12,500 should be charged on the State Exchequer. For the matter of that, our experience on this side of the House, has been that the subordinates of various Departments are not working with due diligence and efficiency. I am definitely of that impression and that being so, I can find no moral justification why Mr. Madhavan Nair's suggestion cannot be accepted and acted upon. If it is acted upon, there will not be any necessity for the grant of Rs. 12,500. Therefore we have no alternative except to vote against the item. It is proper that a Ranger alone is appointed to carry on this work and a special grant may become necessary and applied for and granted if a proper demand for it is made.

RAO BAHADUR T. V. VENKATESWARA AIYAR: At the time when the Budget estimate was prepared in 1120 the enormity of the operations connected with the exploitation of timber in this area could not be brought home to the various Departments, and this Department was not in a position, because of the expedition with which the Perumchani scheme was pushed through, to investigate as to what extent the intensity of work would demand a separate Division. This was gone into, soon after the Perunchani Reservior Scheme was sanctioned, and it was then found that on account of the large quantity of timber which was available in that area and in order that

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may not be lost when the water spreads over the lake, which phenomenon was expected to happen at the end of three years, the formation of a separate division was necessary to see that the works were properly executed and that there was no loss of timber or firewood. It was not possible to provide this expenditure earlier.

As regards the details of expenditure which the honourable member called for, the details relate mainly to establishments, the pay of the Divisional Executive Establishment, an Assistant Conservator of Forests on Rs. 225, two Rangers on Rs. 80 each, four Foresters on Rs. 22 each and four Guards on Rs. 14 each, besides the clerical staff consisting of a Manager and clerks as well as travelling allowances, supplies and services and contingencies. No other amount is involved in this.

The method of working which the Government propose to adopt is to form coupes of sufficient extent so that it might be possible to work down one coupe in one area or two coupes in two different localities. It would then be necessary to mark all exploitable trees within the coupes. Contractors would then be engaged to work down this timber to depots where it would be auctioned to the general public as well as to the merchants. After removal of the timber, the firewood would be auctioned to standing contractors for removal and all this has got to take place within a short period of three years. The work of the southern Forest Divisional Officer was too heavy to look after this very urgent and important work. That is the reason why it was proposed to start a new Division to protect the interests of Revenue, and considering the fact that very intensive work for the exploitation of the teak and rosewood that are available in the southern area has to be done and that more than two lakhs of c. ft. of teak and rosewood have yet to come out, it was found absolutely necessary in the interests of revenue to provide a special staff and the formation of a division. That is the reason why this provision is being made and I request the honourable member to withdraw his objection.

MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI: May I know from the Conservator of Forests how the creation of a Division as distinguished from a sub-division will facilitate greater efficiency in work.?

RAO BHADUR T. V. VENKATESWARA AIYAR: A division or a sub-division is not the point. It is a question of special staff. There is no sub-division at all in Travancore.

MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI: What about the jurisdiction of the Ranger.?

RAO BAHADUR T. V. VENKATESWARA AIYAR: The jurisdiction of Rangers will certainly be not sufficient for the performance of this big task. The Ranger is a subordinate officer getting some Rs. 90 per mensem as salary and cannot be depended upon to execute satisfactorily or efficiently the kind of work contemplated.

MR. R. MADHAVAN NAIR: തടികം വെട്ടി മാറ്റുന്നതിനു കണ്ടാക്ടറെ കൊടുക്കുകയല്ലേ ചെയ്യുന്നത്.

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RAO BAHADUR T. V. VENKATESWARA AIYAR: അതേ, തടികം വെട്ടി മാറ്റുന്ന ജോലി കൺട്രാക്റ്റർ കൊടുക്കുന്നാണ് ഉദ്ദേശം.

MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI: ആ ജോലികം എല്ലാം കൺട്രാക്റ്റർ കൊടുത്തു ചെയ്യിക്കുകയാണെങ്കിൽ ഇത്ര വന്നിച്ച തുക ചെലവാക്കി ഒരു റയിഞ്ചർ പ്രത്യേകം നിയമിക്കേണ്ട ആവശ്യം എന്താണ്?

RAO BAHADUR T. V. VENKATESWARA AIYAR: തടികം വെട്ടിയിറക്കുക, മുതലായ ജോലികം മാത്രമേ കൺട്രാക്റ്റർ കൊടുക്കയുള്ളൂ. എന്നാൽ കൺട്രാക്റ്റർ ചെയ്യുന്ന ജോലി ശരിയായി ചെയ്യുന്നുണ്ടോ എന്നു നോക്കാനും തടികം നഷ്ടം വരാതെ എവിടെയെങ്കിലും ശേഖരിച്ചു സൂക്ഷിക്കാനും കണക്കുവെയ്ക്കാനും വേണ്ടി ഒരു പ്രത്യേക ഡിവിഷൻ ആവശ്യമുണ്ട്.

MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI: അപ്പോൾ ഡിവിഷനാഫീസർ മൈനംഗിനം തടികം നഷ്ടപ്പെടാതെ സൂക്ഷിക്കുമെന്നാണോ പറയുന്നത്.

RAO BAHADUR T. V. VENKATESWARA AIYAR: ഡിവിഷനാഫീസർ മൈനംഗിനം തടികം ശേഖരിച്ചിരിക്കുന്ന സ്ഥലത്തുപോയി നോക്കുമെന്നാണ് എന്റെ അഭിപ്രായം. എന്നാലേ കാര്യങ്ങൾ ശരിയായി നഷ്ടം വരാതെ നടക്കുകയുള്ളൂ. ഇത് എന്തായും വേഗത്തിൽ നടത്തേണ്ടതുമാണ്.

The question that Government be granted a sum of Rs. 12,500. under Demand XIII Forest was put to vote and carried.

The demand was passed and the grant was made.

DEMAND XVI—STATE TRANSPORT SCHEME—Rs. 2,500.

MR. N. RAMAMURTI: Sir, I beg to move for a grant of Rs. 2,500 under Demand XVI—State Transport Scheme.

The members of the Transport Advisory Committee are members of both the Houses of the Legislature and have been sanctioned Travelling Allowances, subsequent to the drafting of the Budget which was presented to the two Houses in 1120. As such it could not have been included in the Budget. I am, therefore moving that this sum may be granted.

MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI: I oppose this grant. There is absolutely no moral justification for this additional grant. The grant is to be made for the travelling expenses of the Transport Advisory Committee. It is very difficult for me to see what exactly is the additional advantage to the State in the additional travelling that the members of the Committee may make. With a greater elucidation on the subject, I may be in a position to withdraw my opposition. I do not know the exact details of the expenditure. They have not been placed before the House.

MR. PULIYOOR, P. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know whether the hon'ble member is aware that this House and the sister House elected certain of the members?

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